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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
District of New Mexico

United States of America

v.

Francis Scott LEWIS

Case No.

14-721 MJ

*Defendant*

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date of 02/09/2014 in the county of Eddy in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of  
 New Mexico, the defendant violated Title 18 U. S. C. § 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2)  
 , an offense described as follows:

Possess a firearm and ammunition that had moved in or affected interstate commerce after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit

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 Complainant's signature

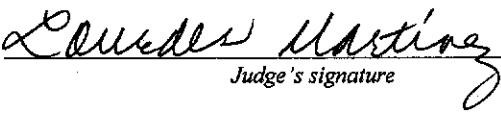
Dennis King, ATF Special Agent

*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 3/5/14

City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

  
 Lourdes A. Martinez, United States Magistrate Judge  
 Judge's signature  
*Printed name and title*

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT - CONTINUED**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS

Francis Scott LEWIS

Affidavit of Dennis King

1. Your affiant, Dennis King, is a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and has been so employed since April 27, 2008. Prior to April, your affiant worked for over eight years as a police officer with United States Capitol Police in Washington, D.C. As part of training to become an ATF Special Agent, your affiant attended six months of specialized training sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. As a result of this training, your affiant has been certified as a Federal Investigator and has received specific training involving violations of federal law. Your affiant has also received ATF specific training in the determination of probable cause and in the use of warrants and complaints to enforce federal firearms laws. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Las Cruces, New Mexico Field Office and has conducted and participated in firearms investigations.
2. Your affiant, being duly sworn, states the following to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief based upon his personal observations and from information provided by knowledgeable law enforcement agents and officers who are involved in the investigation of Francis Scott LEWIS. The facts outlined in this narrative are not meant to be a complete narrative of all that has occurred in connection with this investigation, but are only a summary of facts necessary to set forth probable cause in support of the criminal complaint and does not purport to set forth all of the affiant's knowledge regarding this investigation.
3. As a result of my training and experience as an ATF Special Agent, I am familiar with federal criminal laws and know that it is a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 922(g) (1), for any person who has been convicted of a felony to possess any firearm or ammunition in or affecting interstate commerce, or to receive any firearm or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce.
4. On February 9, 2014, Carlsbad Police Department Detective Naylor obtained a New Mexico District Court search warrant for Francis Scott LEWIS residence located at 109 1/2 S.

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## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT - CONTINUED

Guadalupe St, Carlsbad, New Mexico. The search warrant also included the search of Francis Scott LEWIS and the white Chevrolet pick-up parked in his driveway. The search warrant was for a Phoenix Arms .22 caliber pistol, pink in color holster, jewelry, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. On February 9, 2014, Carlsbad Police Department Swat Team executed the search warrant at 109 ½ S. Guadalupe St, Carlsbad, NM. Carlsbad police Department Swat Team encountered Francis Scott LEWIS and Sky Epplar on the floor of the residence and they were detained. Officers secured the residence. During the search of the residence, officers found a Phoenix Arms, model HP22A, .22 caliber pistol bearing serial number 4345979, a pink in color nylon holster, and jewelry. Officers found more firearms, ammunition, and marijuana. Pecos Valley Drug Task Force (PVDTF) Agent Whitzel obtained a second New Mexico District Court search warrant for firearms, ammunition, marijuana, methamphetamine, money, drug paraphernalia, cellular telephones, and documents.

5. PVDTF Agents seized 24.3 grams of marijuana, 60.15 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, one (1) Mossberg, model 500, 12 gauge shotgun bearing serial number T766317, One (1) Taurus, model ultra light 2765, .38 caliber revolver bearing serial number ZL99909, one (1) Phoenix Arms, model HP22A, .22 caliber pistol bearing serial number 4345979, ten (10) rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, one (1) pink in color nylon holster, ninety-eight (98) rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, and eleven (11) rounds of Federal 12 gauge ammunition from LEWIS' residence.
6. PVDTF Agent Whitzel read Francis Scott LEWIS his Miranda Rights and LEWIS agreed to speak with Agent Whitzel. During the interview, LEWIS admitted to Agent Whitzel that the firearms and drugs belonged to him (LEWIS).
7. Francis Scott LEWIS is fully identified as Francis Scott LEWIS, a white male with a DOB of October 1981. A review of LEWIS' criminal history revealed he has prior felony convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Forgery (Making or Altering), Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, and Receiving or Transferring a Stolen Motor Vehicle in the State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, Fifth Judicial District Court. The case numbers are D-503-CR-200200236, D-503-CR-200300019, D-503-CR-200300057, and D-503-CR-201000099.

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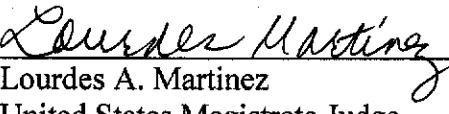
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8. Based on your affiant's training and experience as an ATF Special Agent, he is aware that Mossberg firearms, Phoenix Arms firearms, Taurus firearms, Remington ammunition, and Federal ammunition are not manufactured in the State of New Mexico. Therefore, Mossberg, model 500, 12 gauge shotgun bearing serial number T766317, Taurus, model ultra light 2765, .38 caliber revolver bearing serial number ZL99909, Phoenix Arms, model HP22A, .22 caliber pistol bearing serial number 4345979, ten (10) rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, ninety-eight (98) rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, and eleven (11) rounds of Federal 12 gauge ammunition all traveled in and affected interstate and foreign commerce.
9. Based upon the above information, your affiant believes that on or about February 9, 2014, Francis Scott LEWIS, who after having been convicted of a felony, illegally possessed firearms and ammunition that had moved in or affected interstate and foreign commerce in violation of Title 18 USC 922(g)(1). This violation occurred within the city of Carlsbad, in the County of Eddy, in the District of New Mexico.
10. This complaint was approved by Assistant United States Attorney Maria Armijo.



Dennis King, Special Agent  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Subscribed and sworn in my presence, this 5 day of March 2014, and I find probable cause.



Lourdes Martinez  
Lourdes A. Martinez  
United States Magistrate Judge